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My darling Frances:-

To-day I'm feeling 100% better than yesterday, so am able to answer your welcome letters of the 5th & 6th.

Toots, darling, I'm so sorry you were blue. Don't feel that way, honey. I spoke to the attorney for the majority of creditors in my uncle's case & he told me he would see to it that I will get enough so that I can come home during the summer. This chap is a classmate of mine & is a nephew of the referee in bankruptcy who gives me my fee. So you see that there is really something in that statement. Don't say anything about it to my folks, as I don't want to make them feel blue if it does happen that I can't come. I will know definitely as soon as the sale of stock is over, which will probably be about the 22nd or 23rd. If I can come, sweetheart mine, I'll be home about the 1st or 15th of July & be with you all until the early part of September.

As for you joining the Red Cross, of course I oppose it. Isn't it bad enough that I have to go? I don't want you to risk your life that is so precious to me, simply because I go. You may rest assured I hope that this will blow over so we don't have to go, but if we must go to war, why, we

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we must, & that's all to it. It sure does look serious & so much so, that I don't believe ~~it~~ peace is probable for another year or two at least. I sincerely hope it won't last that long.

Sweetheart, I certainly am sorry to hear that Saidye suffered so much & please convey my sympathy to her. I can understand the pain & suffering she underwent, as I had one tooth extracted and suffered enough. And you, Toots mine, with a heart bigger than your whole sweet self, attended her all during the terrible nights she spent! All I can say is that you are a wonderful dear & your sister sure has something to thank you for. How is she feeling now? I sincerely hope she is much better. She ought to be more careful than going out in the cold & catching a draught on the wound.

Well, Toots, things have been going along very quietly for me this last week. I got 2 cases but didn't collect a nickel all week. That's the way it goes in this profession. I sure do hope this week prove better. My uncle's case is getting along fine & dandy. If I could only get Goldberg to do some work, I can get some money out

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of the collection business & also build up a nice practice, but it seems impossible to do anything with him. If he fools around much longer, I'll fire him out of it. His wonderful sister is engaged to be married. Poor fellow, he don't know what's in store for him.

~~I received~~ I received that catalogue you sent me. Now, won't you please tell me what was beautiful in any of those pictures? I couldn't find a dog-gone thing in the whole shooting match. And yet you say is so wonderful! Well, Toots, I reckon you know better about that stuff than I do, but I would advise those "artists" to get a pick & shovel & begin work. They'll be better off ——— and so will the community. Please don't be offended, but that's the way I feel about them. The poor fish!

Just got your other letter of the 7th and sure was sorry to hear about Sadie. What's the trouble with that poor kid? Maybe the dentist did a poor job of it? Don't you think that's ~~prable~~ probable. I hope that what you brought home for her will make her comfortable. Do you had an experience with a quack doctor! Well, it just goes to prove what I think of them

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is correct, not having my room-mate.

I can't blame you for being blue when you wrote that letter of the 6th. Oh, Toots, how I do wish I was with you to kiss you, to comfort you and to make you happy. You can just bet I'll leave all my scrapping here when I come home, for I really enjoy you winning all the time. I'll follow your advice & be a big regular lawyer & beat everyone, except _____ my darling Frances. You just can't imagine how I wish I was home with you.

I had to smile when you wrote about trying to get me some clients. Let me thank you, first of all, dearest, for trying so much, & hope the next time, it will prove more successful. There's a big, big kiss for trying.

That poor snip, Isoldberger, must be tried. I don't write much about him because I have very little to do with him. I got $10.00 out of him & need just another $5.00 to be even with him. I just despise that fellow. I just can't get him to do a thing with that collection agency. I suppose I'll have to do all of it. You can

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rest assured, if I get it once a going, I'll show him where he gets off. You never saw such an indolent, good-for-nothing specimen of manhood like him.

Well, precious, am sorry you had to work Sunday. On that day, I also was working & wondering what you were doing.

Now, Toots darling I'll have to close, as I've got to go up & see that referee in bankruptcy, so will close with heaps & heaps of kisses & all my love to my own Frances,

Lovingly,

Joe

Remember me to your folks. Tell Sadye to take care of herself